(e) whether in 2002, a Member of Parliament asked for inquiry on above appointments;

(f) if so, the action taken thereof; and

(g) the reasons for delay in implementing TKDL Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The expenditure on establishment of Traditional Knowledge Digital Library is being incurred by the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine & Homeopathy.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Persons with Commerce and Life Science were appointed as I.T. experts. However, they had requisite experience of working in the I.T. sector.

The specific complaint of hon'ble M.P. is being examined and a suitable reply will be sent.

(g) Substantial work on the establishment of TKDL has been completed.

Gastroenterologists in the country

1856. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Medical Association maintains/updates data of Gastroenterologists in the country;

(b) if so, the details of Gastroenterologists in the country; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not maintaining such a data by the IMA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. As per information received from the Indian Medical Association they are not maintaining any data regarding the details of the Gastroenterologists in the country. They are maintaining register of those allopathic doctors who are its members, as the membership is purely voluntary and not mandatory.